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Subject: further deregulation

Dear Commissioner Copps,
Thank you for your efforts to make the public aware of the attempts to further deregulate the communications industry. I am adamantly opposed to further deregulation. I have seen the effects of the deregulation that has already occurred and I see that it has undermined our rights of a free press and freedom of speech which is essential to a Democracy. The concentration of airwaves into the hands of a few powerful corporations has severely limited public debate on television. There are many crucial issues that are not being covered in a way that would help our citizens make informed decisions because of the vested interests of the owners of the broadcast media. I would like to know what kind of response you have been getting, in terms of how many people are pro and con so far and what one might do to help stop the deregulation efforts. B. Coughlin

From: Kristen Blann
To:
Date: Tue. Apr 15, 2003 7:04 PM
Subject: Media competition

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